

Bridging the Treatment Gap in Chemical Dependency

FY 2005-07

The chemical dependency treatment gap TODAY (2005):

- **79% of youth**
are not able to get treatment
- **69% of adults**
also cannot get treatment

The gap by July 2008*:

- **69% of youth**
are not able to get treatment
- **56% of adults**
also cannot get treatment

People who get treatment:

- ✓ Stay in school
- ✓ Stay out of trouble
- ✓ Join the work force
- ✓ Have a better future
- ✓ Create strong families
- ✓ Nurture their children

Medicaid Cost Offset

For clients on Supplemental Security Income, there is a savings (cost offset) of \$154 per month for those who have received chemical dependency treatment.

UNTREATED
Emergency
Room Visits
\$442

\$154
Cost Savings
35% REDUCTION

TREATED
Emergency
Room Visits
\$288

**Reflects projection based on funding in 2005-07 state budget for expanded drug & alcohol treatment.*